achieved. Till September, 2009, 64,302 habitations out of net eligible 1.36 lakh habitations have been provided all weather road connectivity.

(c) Funds have been made available to the State Governments as per the requirement. Inadequate institutional capacity in some states, inadequate contracting capacity and issue related to availability of land for the construction of the roads including delay in forest clearance have been some of the major reasons for delay in completion of the projects.

(d) and (e) The Government has cleared the project proposals valued at Rs. 1,11,361 crore till 30th September 2009. Against the total sanctioned cost, an amount of Rs.57,483 crore has been released to State Governments out of which they have incurred expenditure of Rs. 54,976 crore, Expenditure as percentage of fund released to the States is about 96%.

TSC in Andhra Pradesh

2147. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) to improve the sanitation in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the present status of TSC in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the funds allocated to the State under TSC during the last three years, year-wise and results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI AGATHA SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The main components are incentive for Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), assistance for Community Sanitary Complex, Anganwadi toilets and Solid and Liquid Waste Management. The incentive/assistance pattern for toilets is as follows:

S. No.	Component	Central share	State share (minimum)
1.	IHHL	Rs.1500 (Rs.2000 for hilly and difficult areas)	Rs.700
2.	School Toilet Unit	Rs.14,000	Rs.6,000
3.	Anganwadi Toilet	Rs.3,500	Rs.1,500
4.	Community Sanitary Complex	Rs.1,40,000	Rs.60,000

(c) The state has achieved a sanitation coverage of 67.51% as per online monitoring report provided by the state. 57.42% of Individual household latrine, 86.30% of school toilet units and 35.90% of Anganwadi toilets have been constructed against project objectives.

(d) The funds released to Andhra Pradesh under TSC during the last three years, year-wise and toilets constructed under TSC during this period as per online report provided by the State is as under:

Year	Funds Released (Rs. In lakh)	Number of Toilets Constructed			
		IHHL	Community Complex	School Toilets	Anganwadi Toilets
2006-07	9455.20	1383783	194	12624	1656
2007-08	878.78	389242	337	13888	957
2008-09	1391.81	292697	17	30727	1640
2009-10	11078.44*	436445*	12*	1462*	615*

*(as reported Till 3.12.2009

Utilization of NREGS funds

2148. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the district authorities are utilizing the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) funds without consulting the Sarpanch and in some places the BDO and the District Authorities are not approving the proposal of Gram Panchayat; and

(b) whether Government has received such complaints particularly from Orissa and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) 2 such complaints from Bihar, 1 from Uttar Pradesh and 1 from Jharkhand have been received in this Ministry.

(b) No specific complaint in this regard has been received in this Ministry from Orissa and Chhattisgarh.

Hijacking of vessel by Somali pirates

2149. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the hijacking of a Pacific International Line vessel by Somali pirates on 15 October, 2009;

(b) the number of Indians who were on board and now are in the custody of Somali pirates;